

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An aquatic rescue apparatus comprising:
 - a) a base;
 - b) a housing connected to said base, said housing includes at least one alarm mechanism contained therein;
 - c) a triggering mechanism positioned on said housing and connected to said alarm mechanism; and
 - d) a flotation device releasably connected to said triggering mechanism, wherein upon said flotation device being removed from said triggering mechanism, said at least one alarm mechanism emits an alarm signal indicative of an aquatic emergency, wherein said triggering mechanism comprises a detachable cord connected to said flotation device and releasably connected to said housing wherein removal of the detachable cord from said housing activates said at least one alarm mechanism.
2. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one alarm mechanism comprises an audible alarm.
3. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one alarm mechanism comprises a visual alarm.
4. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 3, wherein said visual alarm comprises a rotating emergency light.
5. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one alarm mechanism comprises a radio transmitter.

6. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 5, wherein said radio transmitter transmits a distress signal for receipt by a radio receiver of rescue personnel.

7. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising a support pole wherein said base is mounted on said support pole.

8. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 7, wherein said support pole is anchored in the ground in at least one of proximity of a body of water and within a body of water.

9. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said base is connected to a buoy.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The An aquatic rescue apparatus as recited in claim 1 comprising:~~

a) _____ a base;

b) _____ a housing connected to said base, said housing includes at least one alarm mechanism contained therein;

c) _____ a triggering mechanism positioned on said housing and connected to said alarm mechanism; and

d) _____ a flotation device releasably connected to said triggering mechanism, wherein upon said flotation device being removed from said triggering mechanism, said at least one alarm mechanism emits an alarm signal indicative of an aquatic emergency, wherein said triggering mechanism comprises a weight-sensitive hook wherein removal of the detachable cord from said weight-sensitive hook activates said at least one alarm mechanism.

12. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said flotation device

comprises a ring buoy.

13. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said flotation device comprises a rescue tube.

14. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said flotation device comprises a rescue can.

15. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one alarm mechanism is an anti-theft device.